

BOOK By H. S. F. REVIEWS



The study of the past alone can give us a true perception of practical methods, and enable us to see how the soldier will inevitably fight tomorrow.

—DU PICQ

TORY OATH. By Tim Pridgen, Doubleday, Doran, and Company. 1941. 370 pages. \$2.50.

The sixty-five thousand officers and men now stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, should enjoy reading this historical novel of their part of the country. The land on which Fort Bragg stands is steeped in the traditions of the Highland Scotch—those survivors of the Jacobite Rebellion who came to America to escape strife only to find it here also in 1776. Within a day's easy ride of Fort Bragg are the battlefields of Moore's Creek Bridge, Elizabethtown and Guilford Court House. Cornwallis, in his retreat after Guilford, passed through what is now Fort Bragg. All these events are accurately described in *Tory Oath*. The author seems to have used most of the better-known sources, including Carruthers. There is much in the book about Flora McDonald, the Highland-Scotch heroine who even today is practically canonized in Cumberland County. Fort Bragg people can see the site of her home on Cameron Hill from Vaughn Tower, if they know where to look. Cross Creek (Fayetteville) also comes in for frequent mention.

W. S. N.

BUILDING AN ARMY. By Edward S. Johnston. The Military Service Publishing Co., Harrisburg, 1941.

Colonel Johnston has written a concise and factual account of the construction of the present emergency army. It differs from most such accounts because of its emphasis upon organizational framework, and it has a high reference utility because of its attention to plans, policies, laws and public resolutions which are the little known background of the army.

TD LIVE IT OVER. By Flora Cloman. Farrar & Rinehart. Inc., New York, Toronto. 380 pages. \$3.00.

Under the brave title *I'd Live It Over* Flora Cloman takes her readers through an astonishing range of adventures.

She takes in gallant stride the raw pioneering conditions of her childhood and early youth, resourcefully exploiting the harsh ruggedness of her environment to develop sturdy self reliance.

Incidental bits of our country's industrial history are enlivened by the author's account of the turbulent doings in the mining towns of the West near the end of last century. Later with her first husband, Victor Clement, she turned up in the mining towns of South Africa. London, Berlin, Granada, each highlighted by its particular characteristics, became in turn the scene of action. In Mexico Mr. Clement died. Some years later Mrs. Clement married Col. Sydney Cloman, who at about that time received an appointment as

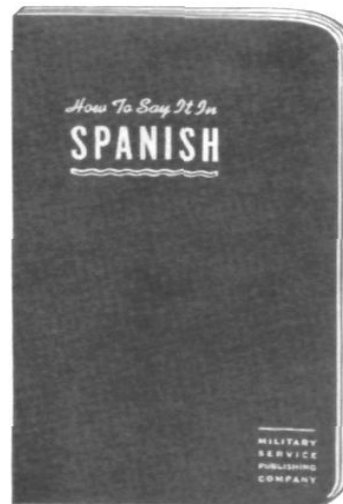
Military Attaché to the Court of Saint James. After four years in London came the comparative quiet of life on an Army post in Laredo, Texas, Says Mrs. Cloman: "... life on an Army post, completely controlled by 'regulations,' is on the whole calm, peaceful, and delightful—if one can enjoy simple things."

The range of Mrs. Cloman's autobiography embraces material poverty and wealth, heartbreak and happiness. The title of her book, *I'd Live It Over*, is an understandable testimony of the richness of her experiences,

F. P. J.

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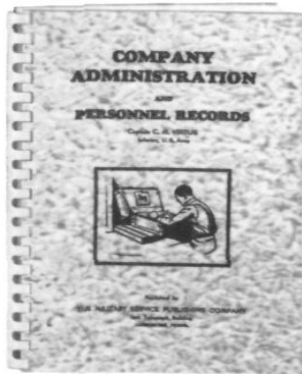
the military man. The scope of the book is shown best by an enumeration of the principal topic headings: general conversation; instructions or requests; travel or direction; colors, sizes, and comparatives; time and seasons; cities and towns, inhabitants; transportation and communications; geography and topography; aviation nomenclature; nautical; food, drink, and tobacco; personal service and needs; supplies; parts of the body, illnesses, accidents, and wounds; numbers, weights, and measures; common names.

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MEDICAL SOLDIER'S HANDBOOK. *The Military Service Publishing Co., Harrisburg, 1941. \$1.00.*

The title of this manual is self explanatory, and the medical detachment of every field artillery unit will find constant use for it.

MY FATHER IS A QUIET MAN. *By Tommy Wadelton. Coward-McCann, New York, 1941. 173 pages. \$1.50.*

Young Tommy Wadelton's character study of his mother, *My Mother Is a Violent Woman*, was one of last year's successes in the humor field. His latest effort purports to be a biography of his father, who is a lieutenant colonel in the Cavalry. Actually it is more of a continuation of the former book, and concerns mostly Tommy's mother. At the outset there is an effort to tell about the father, but toward the end, this theme is almost completely forgotten, and the mother dominates every page. She is made to be a very real character, and the reader feels as though he knows her; the father is rather more shadowy, and doubtless he would wish it that way. The humor in *My Father Is a Quiet Man* is a trifle forced in spots, which may be the result of too much editing. However, there are some very funny passages in it, especially that portion describing the adventures with an "orphan." The Wadeltons decided to bring an orphan from an asylum to their house to spend Christmas, but the results are very disappointing for the Wadeltons and hilarious for the reader.

We find ourselves wondering how a fourteen-year-old Army "brat" can have so much time to note and remember his mother's sayings and doings. Most of those whom we have observed appear to pay very little heed to their parents. We marvel also at his frequent display of what seems to be an eight-year-old unsophistication mixed with the wisdom of an adult. Most army children we know are pretty brash and savvy—except where their school work is concerned. Tommy, however, is an unusual lad; we predict a bright future for him as a writer.

Army Mess Management Simplified

By MAJOR E. A. HYDE

Revised edition published in 1939.**\$2.00**

The title of Major Hyde's book describes its scope and purpose. It simplifies the management of the unit mess, it reduces the labor in connection with it, and if the system is carried out, a SUPERIOR MESS will be the result. The basic scheme of the book is the use of a 15-days' Bill of Fare. Each Bill of Fare is followed by instructions and recipes for each of the items included in it. All the Company Commander has to do is to prescribe that the Bills of Fare be followed out in his kitchen, turn a couple of copies of the book over to his kitchen crew, and then see that the plan is being followed.

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